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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Canadian Penitentiary Service,  
Ottawa 4, Ont.

Dear Editor,

It was with considerable pleasure that I read through your issue of the "Beacon" which highlighted the holiday season. I must say that the art work, design, and presentation of this issue is excellent and I compliment your staff. I am looking forward to the Easter Issue.

Sincerely,

F.K. Reesor.

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Cape Breton Post,  
Sydney, N.S.

Editor & Staff of the Beacon,

Thanks for "The Beacon", your Christmas number was truly outstanding.

Sincerely,

Eleanor Huntington,  
Cape Breton Post.

EDITOR: Thank you Miss Huntington, praise from you and your paper is really appreciated.

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Dorchester, N.B.

Dear Editor:

Since I have been in this prison (7 months) I have read the Beacon and I have to admit it isn't too bad, but I have a beef.

I think that you waste too much space for sports when there are more important things that you should write about. How about more articles about trades training, parole, education etc.

Interested Inmate

EDITOR: Well Interested Inmate, your points are well taken and perhaps we have been a little lax in the choice of our written content and we will try to do better in the future.

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Fredericton, N.B.

Dear Editor,

I have been a Beacon subscriber for several years now and I think that the past few issues are the best yet.

It is always interesting to read about the various activities that you fellows engage in and I was especially pleased to read about your Centennial project.

Keep up the good work.

Sincerely,

John W. Morrison.

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Department of English,  
University of British Columbia,  
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Sir:

Just a line to say how much I enjoy reading the Beacon and what an admirable idea I think it is to bring it out. I wish that all the people who are outside prison would show as much intelligence and enterprise as you do inside.

Will you kindly change the address you have for me on your records to the one I give above. It used to be Port Maitland, Nova Scotia.

My subscription must have run out by now and I am sending you a money order for \$2. If this is not right, will you please let me know.

Sincerely,

Clarence Tracy.



# AFTER PRISON WHAT?

prison can join and continue after his release. A program that will not only prepare him for his eventual release but one that will welcome him back to society. Many such programs are now being conducted in prisons in the United States.

The Junior Chamber of Commerce is one such program that could be started in Canadian prisons and one in which the inmate could continue after he leaves prison. Toast Masters International is another that not only provides valuable training but could also be continued on the "outside".

There is room in the Canadian Penal System for the volunteer worker or the citizen who sincerely wants to do something to reduce the recidivism rate in Canada or help those who have fallen. One good example of this is Alcoholics Anonymous. Without "outside" participation in A.A. the program would never be the success it is now. These people bring with them, fresh ideas, they create a better understanding, and most important, they show the inmate that he will be accepted in society, that there are people who honestly want him as a citizen.

These programs mentioned here all provide valuable training for the inmate and with a program of Inmate Training they fill the "gap" that must be filled if a man is to leave here fully prepared to assume a normal life.

Many inmates leave prison with jobs to go to but have nothing with which to fill the hours spent not working. If the inmate is released to a strange town or city where he knows no one outside of his job, this can turn out to be a very lonely existence. But if he could step into a community program that welcomes his participation he would not only have something to do but would feel that he is part of the community, that he is contributing something and that he is wanted.

The Junior Chamber of Commerce does grant charters to prison groups as does the Toast Masters International and members from both organizations visit prison groups to encourage participation and help with organizational procedures. All that remains then is for someone to take the initiative and start the program.....any suggestions?

A great deal of emphasis in our penal system is directed at inmate training and this is as it should be. Many inmates are without trades and skills when they enter Canadian penitentiaries and it is important that they receive proper guidance and instruction in vocational training.

However, trades training alone is not enough if the inmate is unable to integrate into society. Related training with courses in such subjects as music, first-aid, languages, etc, provides part of the answer but it does little to prepare a man for re-entry into society.

What is needed is a community orientation program, a program that a man in

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# DORCHESTER NEWS

## BERNIE MACNEIL WINS ELECTION WITH 199 VOTES

### N.B. CONSIDERS JAIL INDUSTRY

Several members of the New Brunswick Cabinet have been studying various methods of manufacturing license plates in American prisons with a view to establishing a similar system in New Brunswick jails.

On a recent visit to the State Reformatory at St. Cloud, Minnesota Mr. J.E. LeBlanc, Provincial Secretary, along with other members of the Cabinet, met with reformatory officials and were given a detailed tour of the license plate industry in that institution.

Accompanying Mr. LeBlanc on this trip were: Mr. Bernard Jean, Attorney General; Mr. Douglas Rouse, Asst. Attorney General; Mr. Ernest Richard, Minister of Fisheries; Mr. Harry A. Nason, Deputy Minister of Public Works; Mr. Harry Cochrane, Director of Administrative Services and Mr. N.A. LeBlanc, son of the Provincial Secretary.

### SHOW FOR PUBLIC

Approval has been granted by the prison administration for the inmates of Dorchester Penitentiary to stage a variety show for the penitentiary officers, their families and invited guests. Although no

In the election for positions on the Inmate Sports and Recreation Committee, Bernie MacNeil polled the highest number of votes receiving a total of 199. The four other inmates making up the new committee are: John Dunford, 177; Richard Doucette, 158; 'Boots' Boutillier, 146; and Earl White, 125. These five inmates will serve as committee members for a period of six months, effective April 1.

Dave Flemming polled the sixth highest number of votes and will fill the first vacancy to occur during the forthcoming term. Flemming polled a total of 119 votes. Ed. MacNutt, Jimmy Roy and Sam Desormeaux finished last in the nine man race with 115, 97 and 70, respectively.

Seventy percent of the total population voted in the election with 80% of the Old Dome turning out and 60% of the New Wing casting their ballots.

A PAROLEE IS A TAX PAYER

AN INMATE IS A TAX BURDEN

date for the show has yet been announced, it is expected to take place sometime in April or early in May.

There have only been two previous shows of this nature held here in Dorchester, one in 1960 and the other in 1965.

The show slated for presentation to the public in the near future will consist mainly of acts and talent from the cast which recently preformed for the inmate population.



INMATES

PRESENT

VARIETY SHOW

Once again the Dorchester Gymnasium resounded to the laughter and applause of the inmate population in response to a variety show. For two hours a 20-man cast entertained with music, songs and skits that included a complete "hobo-jungle" erected on stage.

On Sunday morning, March 26, the curtain went up and the show was on with the Rock & Roll band swinging into all the current hit-paraders backing up vocalists, Larry Quigley, Johnny Fawcett, Mike Reid, Chuck Richards and Al McLean.

Jimmy Kervin, playing lead guitar in the Rock & Roll portion of the show was backed up by Frank Pye on rhythm guitar, Johnny Fawcett on bass, Ernie Wells on piano and Chuck Richards on drums.

In the Country & Western portion of the show vocalists Earl "White, Ben Heigh-ton and Bo Silliker were backed up with the best western "sound" to be heard on our stage in a long time. Frank Pye playing lead guitar provided a Nashville sound that was as good as many of the records coming out of that city. Frank had with him in the Western group, Jimmy Kervin on rhythm guitar, Johnny Fawcett on bass, Ernie Wells, on piano and Buckey Barrett on drums.

The comedy for the show was handled by Bernie MacNeil, Herb Isnor, Marty Martell, Moon Landry and Sandy Kay. Their version of life in a hobo jungle drew many laughs from the audience and proved to be one of the highlights of the show.

Reg Hibbert acted as M.C. and also directed the show. It is expected that the same show will be presented for an outside audience in the near future.

## COMMITTEE TO NEW WORK LOCATION

All five members of the newly elected Inmates Sports and Recreation Committee have been transferred from their former work locations to the gymnasium where they now work for the Supervisor of Recreation.

The move to have all the committee members working together has been made to make it easier for committee meetings and to give the members a better chance to organize the various sports within the institution.

## INMATES CONTINUE TO PLEDGE EYES

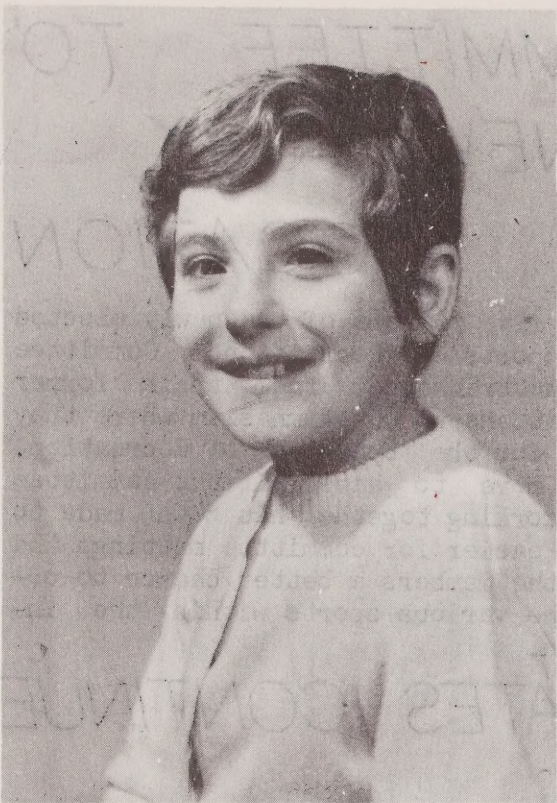
Several inmates have come forth recently to pledge their eyes to the blind after hearing an appeal from the Canadian National Institute for the Blind.

To help in the fight to restore sight, the C.N.I.B. has set up an organization called the Eye Bank of Canada in conjunction with hospitals and universities. The eyes from a recently deceased person can be used to restore the sight of one who is blind if removed within six hours after death. These eyes are forwarded to the "Bank" in special containers and if they are in satisfactory condition they are then rushed to the recipient and the operation is completed.

In 1963 many inmates of this institution pledged their eyes and since that time more have come forth to do the same. While there is no record kept here it is estimated that the number of inmates who have pledged their eyes is near the 100 mark.

THE  
SEND HOME  
BEACON





RITA

RITA

12 YEARS OLD

1967

February, 1967

In September, 1963, Rita Mastropaolo was assigned to the inmates of Dorchester as our own foster child. This was after lengthy negotiations between the inmate population and the Foster Parents' Plan.

At that time Dorchester was the only penitentiary in Canada supporting a child through Foster Parents' Plan despite the fact that almost every major prison, both federal and state, in the United States had participating inmate groups.

At the time of "adoption" Rita was just eight years old and actually looked much younger. Since that time however, she has come to be an extremely pretty child and her attractive smile radiates health as well as beauty as can be seen in the above picture, the latest received from her.

Rita will celebrate her 12th birthday in May of this year and the inmates of this institution can be proud of the fact that it will be a happier occasion than her eighth birthday.

Dear Canadian Foster Parents:

I am happy that Christmas has arrived and that the Infant Jesus was born and everybody is gay but I did not go anywhere because it was raining.

I hope to receive a present on Epiphany Day but I know that mother cannot afford it. How are you? It is raining all the time in Naples and how is it over there, did it snow?

Dear Foster Parents I wish to thank you for the monthly allowance of 5000 lire.

Lots of love and kisses from your little Rita and also from my family.

Rita Mastropaolo

I am enclosing a photo of mine and on the back: To my beloved foster parents.

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# "HAPPY BIRTHDAY CANADA"

by:

RALPH COLESON

This is the year of the big "Happy Birthday" to Canada. And while on that subject, I'm reminded of a radio commercial which I hear from time to time, which really sets me on edge. A very self-assured and suave (or so it seems to me) male voice gives a most awe-inspiring and impressive list of gigantic events which have been planned, from coast to coast, for the big birthday festival. Then that insistent voice probes my conscience with the searching question, "...and what are you doing for Canada's Centennial."

I must confess that I don't really have anything big and noisy and spectacular planned for this once-in-a-lifetime experience. But I did make a resolve which I'd like to share with you...and invite you to participate in as well.

My thoughts ran something like this; "What is it Canada needs most on this one hundredth birthday? Something that I can help to give personally." Now automatically, for me, that eliminated, expansion of personal properties, the participation in community projects, and other things that seem to consume much of the time, thought and energies of most Canadians. And I was left with the very elementary and simple answer that what Canada needs most is good people.

That's it: Nothing complicated or "way out" but just plain good people in greater numbers. And that's when I made my resolve.

I resolve to speak about Jesus Christ and his very contemporary answer to life's problems to as many people as there are years to my age. For example, if I were eighteen years old (which I am not), then I would speak to at least eighteen people during 1967. And if I were twenty-five (which I am not), then there would be twenty-five people to whom I would speak. And finally, I resolve to spend at least part of my own birthday this centennial year reviewing this commitment and the direction of my own life, and in reviewing its potential value.

Oh yes, I expect there will be many problems to such an arrangement or project and it will take much of that quality known as stamina and grace to fulfill it but at least it is a start. For I think the burden of such an endeavour, of placing gentlemanship as well as justification towards right to fellow men is placed upon those older in years, but shouldn't this be the case? After all, the mature professing Christian should be most adept at this great business of talking to people about Christ in a deliberate way.

So then, here is my invitation; to put forth your centennial project, and write to tell us your experience in trying to fulfill this resolve. For, sure as there are words on this page, there will be many, many stories of vital interest. Indeed this could very well become the vital turning point in the lives of many of us within the walls of the institutions of incarceration.

Then we needn't feel guilty when a radio commercial puts us on the spot with the question, "...and what are you doing for Canada's Centennial?" You can answer that you are doing the most important work of all...endeavouring, as a labourer together with Christ, to make people good. And no one will be able to tell me that this isn't the best and most important birthday present Canada can receive.

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EDITOR: THE FORGOING ARTICLE WAS WRITTEN BY AN INMATE WHO IS NOT A MEMBER OF THE BEACON STAFF. ON ANOTHER PAGE ARE TWO POEMS SUBMITTED BY INMATES WHO ARE NOT BEACON STAFFERS, PERHAPS YOU HAVE SOMETHING YOU WOULD LIKE TO CONTRIBUTE...LET'S HAVE IT!

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# AROUND THE PENAL PRESS

## HOLDUP.... THE EASY WAY

Miami, Fla. (AP) - A man in a Wells Fargo uniform walked into the Airport Bank of Miami Friday and asked for the day's receipts. Given a bag containing \$24,000. he walked out.

Ten minutes later another man wearing a Wells Fargo uniform walked into the bank and asked for the day's receipts. A hasty investigation showed the second man was a bona fide Wells Fargo agent.

Police said a search was under way for the first man.

(From The Eye)

## "POSITIVE"

When a man goes to trial for a crime identification of him by the victim can go a long way toward convicting him.

"Positive identification" by more than one victim is all it takes to send a man to prison - or, in some cases, to the electric chair.

Now consider the case of Donald Carey who works in the Minnesota prison library.

Mr. Carey has been imprisoned since Nov. 30, 1965, doing five years for attempted robbery.

Early this month however, four or five victims of a bad check artist picked Mr. Carey's picture out of a "Mug-book" in a suburban police station.

That left one job for the suburban police - find Donald Carey.

To do so they called the prison. "We want to know where he went after he got out," they told the Warden.

The Warden told the detective on the other end of the line that the victims would have to "positively identify" someone else. And Donald Carey, still in the prison library, is very uncomfortable

about the whole thing.

"What if I'd been out," he asks. "What if I didn't have an alibi?" He thinks there should be a law against the people who "positively identify" the wrong man.

(From The Clock)

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## TEN YEARS OR NOTHING

DALLAS - Olyde Franklin Stacks, 23, heard himself sentenced to from two to three years in prison for car theft. He mumbled it was not enough.

He said he wanted ten years. "That's what it will take to break me," stacks said.

"How about five?" Judge Joe B. Brown asked incredulously.

"No Sir, ten," stacks said. Other prisoners looked horrified and Judge Brown agreed to the request.

(From The Jefftown Journal)

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## GENTLEMAN-BANDIT

Gary, Ind.- (UPI) - A middle aged bandit, described as "very polite and business-like," robbed the First Federal Saving & Loan Association here of \$640 yesterday and disappeared on foot in the city's crowded Main Street.

Miss Linda Hellman, 19, Gary, said the man walked up to her teller's cage and commented about the weather.

Then he told her, "I don't want to have to do this and if you don't want to get hurt give me all your loose 20's."

Other employees, including a teller only a few feet away from Miss Hellman, were unaware of the robbery.

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# Stolen

# Humor

The teacher of 8-year-old boys, finding a suspicious puddle in the coat closet demanded that the culprit step forward and identify himself....Nobody made a move.

"All right," said the teacher, "we will all close our eyes for three minutes, and when we open them, I'm sure the little boy responsible will have cleaned up the mess."

Everyone closed his eyes and the patter of little feet was heard. Three minutes later the teacher opened her eyes to discover a second little puddle, with a crudely lettered sign: THE PHANTOM STRIKES AGAIN.

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It isn't necessary for politicians to fool all the people all the time...A majority will do.

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Two men sitting at a bar:

"Jock, after you drink a lot, does your tongue burn?"

"I don't know Harry, I've never been drunk enough to light it."

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JUDGE: "What possible excuse can you give me for acquitting this man?"

JURY: "Insanity, your honor."

JUDGE: "All twelve of you."

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A chinese was asked this question very sweetly by an American.

"What 'nese' are you...Japanese, Chinese, Javanese?"

The Chinaman replied he was Chinese and asked in return: "What 'kee' are you, Monkey, Donkey, Yankee?"

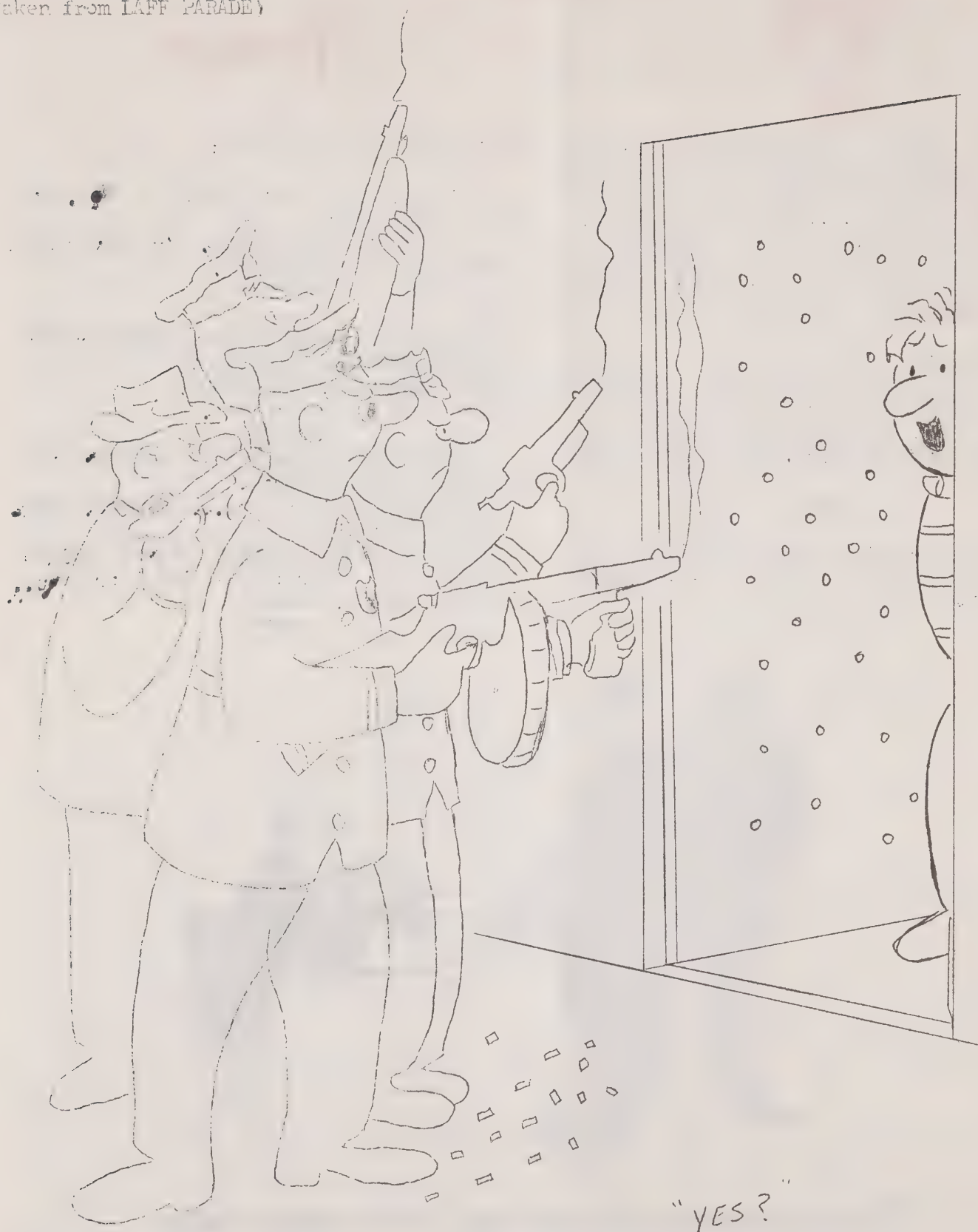
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*Reply:*  
"I CAN UNDERSTAND HOW YOU FEEL, BUT ACTUALLY YOU'RE NOT SUPPOSE TO BE HAPPY HERE."



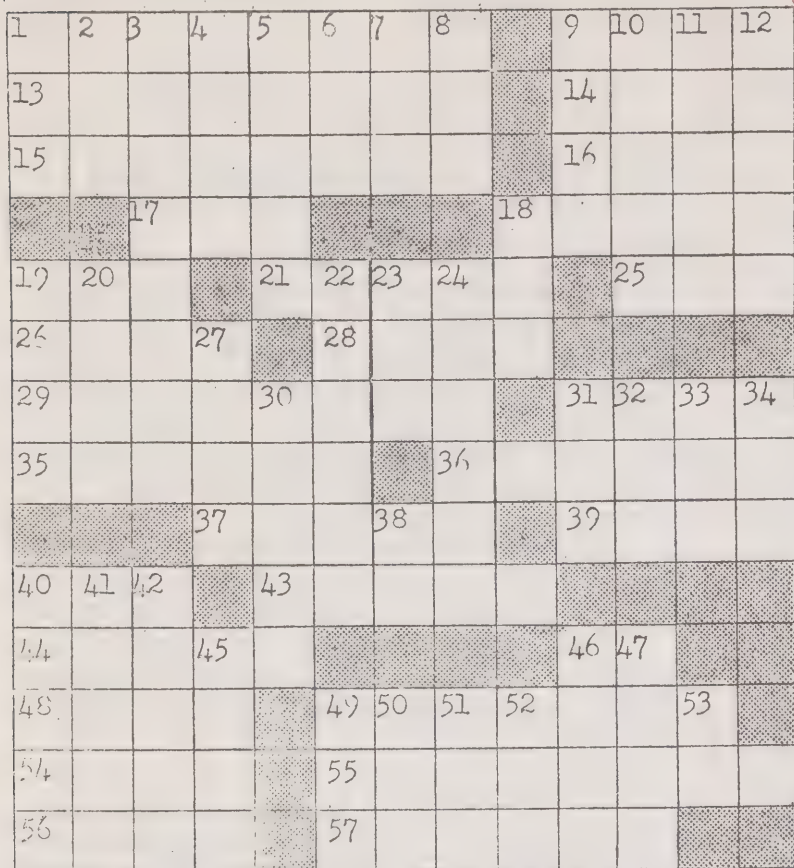
(Taken from LAFF PARADE)



"YES?"



# BEACON PUZZLER<sup>2</sup> by: john dunford



## DOWN

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| 1 Front of an army   | 30 Carrys                      |
| 2 Constellation      | 31 Female sheep                |
| 3 Locks (Coll.)      | 32 River in Switzerland        |
| 4 Masculine nickname | 33 Synonym (Abb.)              |
| 5 At no time         | 34 Compass point               |
| 6 151 (Roman)        | 38 Alcoholics Anonymous (Abb.) |
| 7 Knead (Dial)       | 40 Skillful                    |
| 8 Utter              | 41 Snake                       |
| 9 Rewarded           | 42 Hot coal                    |
| 10 Rot               | 45 Being                       |
| 11 Puts up           | 46 Part of church              |
| 12 Flies             | 47 Mein ____ (Ger.)            |
| 18 Poem              | 49 Heigh card                  |
| 19 Dry               | 50 _____ Wood                  |
| 20 Positive          | 51 Fish eggs                   |
| 22 Lesser (Coll.)    | 52 Natural resource            |
| 23 Iota              | 53 Direction                   |
| 24 Principles        |                                |

## ACROSS

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| 2. Legumes                      | 35 Tyrant           |
| 13 Feminine appellation         | 36 Eer              |
| 14 River (Italy)                | 37 Glom: (eng.)     |
| 15 Birth                        | 39 Sea bird         |
| 16 Mite                         | 40 First card       |
| 17 Letter of alphabet           | 43 Expunge          |
| 18 More strange                 | 44 Cupolas          |
| 19 _____ Wednesday              | 46 Silver (Symbol)  |
| 21 Mad                          | 48 Declines         |
| 25 Worm (Africa)                | 49 Fitting          |
| 26 Regretted                    | 54 President (Abb.) |
| 28 Endure                       | 55 Monastery        |
| 29 Nettle                       | 56 Weight allowance |
|                                 | 57 Shoe, part of.   |



Dad, can I borrow the car to transport a girl across the state line.



# SPRINGHILL NEWS

JOHNNY VOLLMANN

## BRITISH VISITOR AT SPRINGHILL

February 1st - The Governor of Morton Hall Borstall Institution, in England, who has been visiting various federal and provincial penal institutions throughout Canada, paid a call here and toured the premises with Superintendent J. M. West and Sub Regional Director U. Belanger.

In a special interview, Mr. W. A. Brister revealed that the purpose of his tour was to report on the Canadian methods of drug addict correction and our parole operation; he has been making his study of the programs since July, 1966. Upon his return to England he will report to the Secretary of State and then be posted to the Dover Borstall Institution as the Governor.

Mr. Brister pointed out that there are 5000 young persons, from 15 to 21 years of age, presently confined to Borstall Institutions and overall incarcerated in England would be something like 33,000; this figure would include the Borstall inmates, both men and women in adult prisons, and juveniles.. In answering this enquiry, the British representative also mentioned that the entire confinement structure in England fell under a national service; this includes city and county lock-ups as well as the Borstall system and the penitentiaries.

Commenting on a question of parole programs, Mr. Brister mentioned there were none at this time in his country. A person entering an adult prison would receive one-third off his sentence for good behaviour, but would serve the balance of the term without the aid of parole.

The Englishman was amazed at some of the excellent training facilities here and did claim we were far advanced in these areas over his homeland. He lauded the Superin-

tendent for the exceptionally clean institution and well-balanced program in evidence.

## SECOND VARIETY SHOW HELD FOR VISITORS

SPRINGHILL, N.S. - Unchained Rhythms 11, a variety concert by inmates of this institution was staged for the local population of February 20th, and the following evening for the outside public. The show featuring all types of music, interspersed with lively comedy monologues and skits, received a tremendous response from the audiences on both occasions.

In the music divisions features included Rhythm & Blues where Denny Duncan led a six-man aggregation consisting of Rex Fisher on Traps, Don DeCoursey on Rhythm Guitar, Louie Fortin on Bass, Johnny Vollmann on Organ, and Jimmy Richards vocalizing, along with Louie Fortin.

The Western segment was led by Romeo LeBlanc, and included Al Morris as vocalist, Frank Durant playing Fiddle, Jimmy Richard on Lead Guitar, Ron Phillips on Bass, and Johnny Vollmann on Drums.

The Popular ensemble was led by Johnny Vollmann on Tenor Sax and Accordion, Denny Duncan, Rex Fisher, Lou Fortin, and Ronnie Phillips were instrumental accompanists, while Doug Smith handled the vocals for this section.

In comedy - Rick Reagh, the assistant director and Master of Ceremonies, kept a steady flow of monologues and quips that filled the audience with laughter, and in two routines - our own Can-Can number and a Romeo-Juliet skit - caused the audience to nearly lose their seats. Members of the comedy group included Jim Pellow, Sam Greeley, Bert Jefferson, Edgar Gautreau, Gordie Cowie, Morris Horne, and Basil Cruickshanks.

Technical assistants were Ed Clench on Spotlight, Jimmy Euloth and Morris Horne Audio Technicians, Albert DeSylva - Back-Stage Co-ordinator, John McNeil and Claus Biscoff - Curtain Men, with Phil Woods and Cecil Rogers as Ushers.

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# HOCKEY LEAGUE COMPLETES SEASON

February 15th - Commissioner of Hockey, Fred Dower, reported today that the regular season of hockey, including the play-offs had been completed and Don Smith's Leafs had won the honors.

The Commissioner, who had been headed for a problematic season when the three team league was broke into two, managed to do a commendable job of balancing the overall two team structure leaving some satisfying hockey exhibitions at the rink.

Members of the Leafs included Captain Bert Jefferson, Players Basil Cruickshanks Sam Greeley, Rick Reagh, Don DeCoursey, Pierre Godin, and John McNeil. The opposing Hawks were managed by Ray Sinclair and Captained by Peter Paul; players included Reg Dwyer, Tommy Young, Claus Bischof, Bill Beaman, Morris Horne and Robie McLellan.

Officials who did a commendable job on the ice through the season were: I. Munde and Roland Aubry - Referees, Doug Smith - Linesman, and Ivan MacKenzie the timekeeper.

Honours of the year went to Ray Sinclair for High Scoring and Most Valuable Player; to Rick Reagh for most assists; to John McNeil as Best Goalie; and Don DeCoursey the Rookie of The Year.

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## DEPUTY MINISTER VISITS SPRINGHILL

February 15th - The newly appointed Deputy Minister for the Nova Scotian Attorney-General's Department visited the Institution today and familiarized himself with the penal service installations of this area.

Mr. T.D. MacDonald was very impressed with the new institution and found the minimum security unit an interesting highlight of his tour. Accomodating the new

Deputy Minister was Sub Regional Director U. Belanger, Mr. J. P. A. M. Lavery, Warden of the Medium Security Institution and his Deputy, Mr. L. J. Dethy, Mr. L. J. Dube - Regional Supervisor of Industries was also along. Mr. J. M. West, Superintendent, hosted the tour of the satellite.

## RED CROSS EXTENDS THANKS

February 8th - The Canadian Red Cross Society, Blood Donor Panel Division, recently expressed their sincerest thanks to the inmates of this Institution for their generous contribution of 59 pints of blood at a clinic held this month. 67 men volunteered to donate with only 2 medical rejects and 6 rejected because they had donated at Dorchester Penitentiary only one month previous.

Mrs. a. Clark, R.N., in charge of the Halifax team of nurses and aids that visited the Institution, commented on the well-mannered inmates and pleasant organization of the Clinic by Mr. K. G. Bobbie, Assistant Hospital Officer.

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## BY-ELECTION RESULTS

February 9th - Due to two vacancies in the Inmate Sports, Entertainment & Recreation Committee, a by-election was held today to provide replacement and an eligibility list if vacancies occur prior to April 1st when the new term begins.

The results of the election were as follows: Gordie Cowie 44, John Vollmann 30, Ron Phillips 23, Jim Pellow 7, Bill Kidd 2, and Ivan MacKenzie 1.

At this writing, Committeeman I. Munde returned to Dorchester Penitentiary and has been replaced by Ron Phillips.

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(Springhill News continued next page.)



# MUSIC GROUP VISITS INST.

February 23rd-- The Savages, a newly formed Rock-N-Roll band from Springhill visited the Institution the evening of the Variety Concert and performed for the inmates during a brief intermission. The band was well received and showed some interesting signs that might lead to a venture in music for the boys.

Leader of the group is Randy West, with Johnny Bouche on Bass, Richard Smith on Drums and Woody Silver handling vocals. The group was supplemented by Laurant King on Rhythm Guitar; the latter is connected with the Bushmen, another Springhill group who are lending support to the new group.

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## RECREATION "CHATTER"

The past month has been full of ups and downs with various programs keeping the boys occupied. The variety concerts tied up a good many of the musical boys for the daily practices; hockey was heavy in the early part of the month running into its culmination; darts were found in a bit of a jumble but Cecil Rogers sorted out some of the rough spots then turned over duties of Commissioner to Morris Horne.

The Weekly Tournaments have been continuing with past winners as follows: Whist John McNeil & Bill Kidd and Phil Woods & Morris Horne; Hearts - Sam Greeley & Peter Walsh; Dart Doubles - Ray Sinclair & Sam Greeley; and Cribbage Singles - Eddie Cooke.

Music Theory classes will be started on the First of March and will be conducted on the elementary and intermediate levels by Johnny Vollmann. Classes will meet three times weekly for 50 minutes each. Instrumental technique classes and rhythm training will be given those already versed in elementary theory. The program will be expanded as interest requires.

## "MR. BIG"

If you are the type of person who feels he must impress people with how much of a man he is by yelling, talking big or tough, and putting up what is referred to around the institution as a front, then this article is about you.

What makes you feel that you must be tough or a loudmouth in order to be popular? When you are by yourself, "Mr. Big", you can be quite a nice guy, but when you get with the boys you start in again seeing how much noise you can make to let them know that you are a man.

We all have one thing in common, we are inmates. There is no reason why we should abuse the rights of others.

You are not fooling anyone but yourself. You think you are a man. Physically you may be, but mentally your attitude is that of a child.

When you go about trying to impress people you are really wasting your time, as it is obvious "Mr. Big", that you are as phony as a three dollar bill.

So if you fit into the category of "Mr. Big", we truly feel sorry for you. You are trying to be a man, and may be some day you will, but you are going about it all wrong. According to Webster's dictionary, a man is a mature human being.

Remember the Golden Rule; Do unto others as you would have them do unto you. Meaning, treat your fellow man the same way you want him to treat you, and think of the other man not just yourself.

So let's make life as pleasant as possible behind these walls, and remember each and everyone of us has a certain amount of responsibility that must be fulfilled in order to reach this goal.

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EDITOR: The Editor and Staff of the Beacon delights in welcoming the Pen-O-Rama back into the Penal Press fold. We wish you every success in the future and by the looks of your first edition you are already on the way to achieving same.





By  
Marty  
Martell

## INMATES TIE ONE - LOSE ONE TO VISITING TEAM FROM DORCHESTER

### CHANGES MADE IN LEAGUE OFFICIALS

Bentley Heighton has been appointed to the position of Commissioner of Floor Hockey, replacing Nelson Paul.

Due to the lengthy season of Floor Hockey this year interest has been on the decline and the league has had to be reorganized several times. There are now teams playing from D-Side and F-Side only.

Bruce thornhill, Chief Scorekeeper for the Snow Hockey League has been transferred to the Minimum Security Institution at Springhill and has been replaced in the league by Raymond Walsh.

### OLD DOME TEAM DROPPED

Due to the lack of good hockey players Snow Hockey Commissioner John Dunford has had to disband the third team in the Old Dome League.

The Old Dome RED WINGS have now been dropped from this league and the players from this team distributed between the remaining two teams in the league.

The newly organized league will now consist of four teams; two in the Old Dome and two in the New Wing. The winners of each section will play off for the institutional championship and the Beacon Snow Hockey Award.

On Monday evening of February 28, a Basketball team from the town of Dorchester visited this institution and played a doubleheader with the inmate Basketball team.

Game number one was a very close game as the visiting team downed the inmates by a very close 45-44 score. This game was undecided right up until the last 15 seconds when Bob Dickson of the visiting team put one up and away to put his team ahead by one point which remained that way until the end of the game. For the winners Bob Dickson was the top man with 18 points while his team-mate Doug Harris picked up 9 points and Reg Cormier picked up 8 points. The high scorer for the inmate team was Roger Gallant with 16 points followed by Steve Peebles with 12 points Dave Pace 4 points, Doug Webb 4 points, John Fawcett 2 points, Larry Quigley 4 points, John Dunford 2 points, and Jim Gregary 2 points.

Game number two was by far the best game of the night as both teams battled to a 58 - 58 tie.

For the visitors Bob Dickson was top man again with 22 points followed by Reg Cormier with 10 points, Doug Harris with 10 points, A. Cormier 8 points, Steve Ison 4 points, and Paul LeBlanc 4 points.

#### GALLANT SCORES 36 POINTS.

For the inmates Roger Gallant was top scorer with 36 points Followed by Steve Peebles with 6 points, Dave Pace 4 points John Dunford 4 points, Ovid Bastarache 2 points, Larry Quigley 2 points, Richie Doucette 2 points, and Buckey Barrette 2 points.



# SNOW HOCKEY

## HAWKS WIN NEW WING CHAMPIONSHIP

### OLD DOME LEAGUE TIED 2-2

The Hawks and the Canadians in the Old Dome League are tied with two games each as the play-offs in this league come to a close.

The play-offs between these two teams commenced on March 11, with the Hawks defeating the Canadians 7 to 5, in the first game of a double header. Oliver was the big gun for the Hawks with three goals and Jimmy Kervin equaled this number for the Canadians.

In the second game the Canadians came back to win over the Hawks with a score of 5 to 3. Kervin lead the Canadians' scoring with two big goals along with Danny Allen who scored two as well.

The Canadians carried their winning streak into the third game and downed the Hawks 6 to 4. In this game Roger Gallant picked up four goals for the Canadians and Bob Curtis counted for the other two. For the Hawks it was the hard shooting Spencer who tallied the magic number, three, while Oliver scored the fourth.

In the fourth game both teams opened up with all they had and it soon became a scorekeepers nightmare, ending in a score of 16 to 10 for the Hawks. Sillicker and Houlahan each counted for four, Dempsey 3, Bennett 2, Martell, Reid and Heighton each with one, for the Hawks.

For the Canadians it was Peebles and Gallant doing the scoring with three each while Damon got 2 and Curtis and Pye each counted one.

#### TOP SCORERS IN THE OLD DOME PLAY-OFFS:

<u>HAWKS</u>		<u>CANADIANS</u>	
Spencer	6	Gallant	7
Oliver	5	Kervin	5
Houlahan	5	Curtis	5
Sillicker	4	Allen	3
Bennett	3	Peebles	3
Dempsey	3	Damon	2
Heighton	2	Pye	1

In a five game series that went all the way the Hawks of the New Wing League won over the Canadians with Joe Burke, the Hawks' Center making the big difference.

After forfeiting the first game of the play-off, the Canadians came back and defeated the Hawks 6 to 4 in the second game while the Hawks were without the services of Joe Burke.

In the third game of the play-off it was a different story, the Hawks with Joe Burke leading the attack swamped the Canadians by a score of 10 to 2. The fourth game played the same day saw the Canadians bounce back and beat the Hawks 4 to 3. The Hawks played the double header with only one spare player while the Canadians had three spares.

The fifth and final game, held indoors because of the weather was won by the Hawks with the Joe Burke, Sam Desormeaux and Frank Barley line carrying the play for most of the game. This game ended in a 6 - 4 victory for the Hawks giving them the New Wing Championship.

#### TOP SCORERS IN THE NEW WING FINALS:

<u>HAWKS</u>		<u>CANADIANS</u>	
Burke	12	Oulette	6
Desormeaux	4	Doucette	4
Barley	3	Quigley	4
Young	2	Pace	1
Bower	2	Snow	1
Hibbert	1		

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# FLOOR HOCKEY FLYERS - 10 TEAMS DROPPED HAWKS - 7

Both teams from C-Side in the Old Dome Floor Hockey League have dropped from the league leaving only two teams playing in the Old Dome.

The D-Side Red Wings and the Bearcats are now the only teams playing in the Old Dome League and will play-off for the League Championship in this division.

There are still four teams playing in the New Wing League.

March 20, 1967 - The E-Side Flyers downed the Hawks 10 to 7 in their last game before starting play-offs.

Reg Hibbert was the sparkplug for the Flyers, picking up four goals while Sam Desormeaux counted for three and Wayne Miles and Albert Melanson each got one.

For the Hawks Mel Young and Doug Kent each scored three while Peckham got one.

## BEARCAT-21 RED WINGS-7

February 28/67- In a 21-7 victory over the D-Side Red Wings the Bearcats got NINE big goals off the stick of big Mike Houlahan followed by Vince Spencer with five goals Chuck Bennett with four goals, Jim Moore with two goals and Jackie McNeil one goal.

For the Red Wings Tommy Damon scored four of the teams seven goals while Ronnie Dempsey accounted for the other three.

In this game Vince Spencer of the Bearcats received a game misconduct in the second period.

There were twenty penalties called in the game by referee Henry Jackson.

## FALCONS - 9 LEAFS - 6

March 20 - 1967 - The Leafs and the Falcons of F-Side wound up their league play with the Falcons winning over the Leafs 9 to 6.

Joe Burke scored four goals for the Falcons while Doug Felhaber picked up three and Doucette and Quigley each scored one.

For the Leafs it was Mitchell with two and McPherson, Taylor, Ouelette, and Hunter with one each.

### D-SIDE TOP SCORERS

	GAMES	GOALS	ASST.	PTS.
T. Damon	4	11	11	22
C. Bennett	3	7	14	21
R. Dempsey	4	14	6	20
J. Moore	4	9	6	15
E. Painter	4	2	7	9
t. Burns	4	0	6	6
F. Fralic	3	0	5	5

## RED WINGS - 16

## BEARCATS - 10

March 21, 1967 - The D-Side Red Wings and the Bearcats met in one of the highest scoring games of the year with the Red Wings winning over the Bearcats 16 to 10.

For the Red Wings Spencer was top scorer with nine goals followed by Damon with four and Dempsey with three.

"Fats" Bennett led the scoring for the Bearcats counting five goals, Moore scored two, Crossman one, Fralic one, and Painter one.

There were seventeen penalties called in this game by referee Henry Jackson.

### LEAGUE STANDING:

	W	L	T	GA	GF	TOTAL
BEARCATS	2	1	1	32	52	5
RED WINGS	1	2	1	52	32	3

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BACK ROW: From left to right; Dave Gray, Danny Allen, Roger Gallant, Bob Curtis, 'Minnow' MacNeil. Front row; Jim Kervin, Doug Rafuse, and Jack MacNeil.



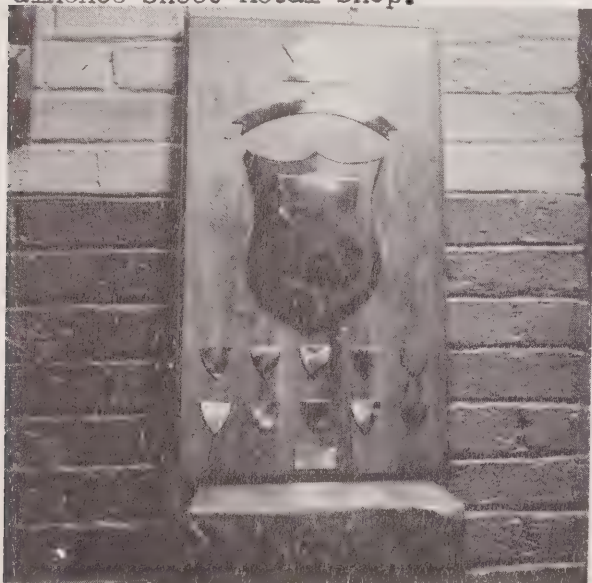
Left to right: Fred Fralic, Marty Martell, Mike Houlahan, Bo Silliker, George Gouthro, Mike Reid, Dave Oliver, Ben Heighton, and Ron Dempsey.

## OLD DOME CANADIANS BEACON TROPHY



## OLD DOME HAWKS LEAGUE OFFICIALS

The Beacon Trophy to be presented to the winners of the Dorchester Snow Hockey League was made and donated to the Beacon by the Maintenance Sheet Metal Shop.



BACK ROW: Left to right, Jim Roy, Ringo Bourque, Jake Chaisson, Rich Doucette, Front row; John Dunford and Bruce Thornhill.





# THROUGH THE SPORTSCOPE

Floor hockey has really taken over the sports scene in Dorchester as "Old Man Winter" flew the coop and took our snow hockey rink with him....The snow hockey league this year lasted only long enough for most of the players to make a few appearances in their bright new sweaters.... Jimmy "The Crab" Kervin appeared briefly playing defence and managed to stay on his feet for a couple of games...Mike 'Red Light' Reid was in and out of the net so much he thought for a while he was a puck. ...Doug Rafuse turned in a few good games for his team....George Gouthro playing defence by himself (Bo Bo was at the movies) ...The line of Roger Gallant, Steve Peebles and Danny Allen went strong and scored most in the Old Dome League...Dave Gray managed to get all of his 225 pounds up and down the ice a few times...And so with the snow hockey moving indoors the grunting, groaning and sweating goes on inside the gym and this is where the men are separated from the boys.....Jackie MacNeil is managing to play a whole game of floor hockey ("You're not too old yet Jack")...Art Munde managed to play two periods in one game before retiring for repairs...Art says he is still mad at Mike Houlahan and Spencer for ruining his shut-out, they each scored eight goals on Art.. Charley 'I Didn't Do It' Bennett has been declared the winner of the Lady Byng Trophy, not because he is the cleanest player in the league but because he threatened the sports editor...Billie Brown says he is going on a diet and is watching his waist-line ("Well Bill it's right out there where it is easy to watch")...Joe Burke was overheard asking the Recreation Supervisor for a parachute for floor hockey after taking quite a drop to the floor when checked by one of the younger players ...("Joe, that was a clean check he did not hit you when you weren't looking, you were just looking the wrong way that's all

Ernie Wells can still be heard as he recounts his glorious victory of Herbie "Hi-Pockets" Isnor at the Dart Boards.....The reason Herb is so good at darts is because it is the national past-time where he comes from - Tavernsville....Henry Jackson is still the only man we know of who combines refereeing with ballet...Sandy Kay says that the only sport that appeals to him is Folk singing (That's a sport?).....

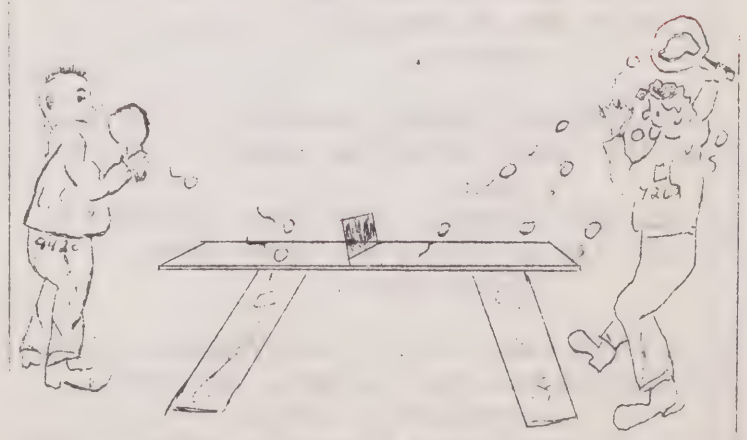
**TOMMY DAMON IS FAST BECOMING ONE OF THE LEADING HOCKEY PLAYERS IN THE LEAGUE.....**

Big Dave Pace says that he is putting his foot down that from now on he will not stand for anyone calling him Dum Dum ("Why not Dave we think it is cute and you have have to admit it is appropriate")...Buckie Barrett wants to know why he can't carry the ball under his arm other players do it ("Yes Buckey, but they are playing football not basketball")...Boots Brutlier proved that he can referee basketball just as bad as he does hockey...Bo Bo Sillicker says it was not him who threw that chicken

**JOHNNY O'BRIAN SAYS THAT HIS PITCHING ARM ISN'T TOO GOOD THIS YEAR..WHAT'S NEW JOHN?**

Phil Woods says that he will play softball this year only if they allow him to use a Honda to get around the bases...Basil Cruickshanks is thinking about joining the House of David's ("He wants an excuse for growing hair somewhere on his head")...Big Charley Dunn has his name in for floor hockey and wants to know why some team hasn't picked him up.

**OLD RON RAMSEY JUST CAN'T MAKE THE GRADE WHEN IT COMES TO PING PONG, RIGHT GEORGE?**



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# poets' page



## loneliness

As I sit in my cell this night and watch the stars above,  
I dream of your sweet tenderness and of undieing love.  
I think of lonely time gone by and treasures we did hold;  
But now it's all beyond my reach for I'm in this prison cold.  
But someday love they'll set me free, they'll open the prison gate;  
That's why I live in hopes each day, my love that you will wait.  
For my love you are the one that I am longing for,  
And the love we shared together I pray can be restored. \_\_\_\_\_ Lloyd kidson



## think

At night in my cell I often sit and think  
Of stars in the sky that flicker and wink;  
Of fields and mountains and soft blue sea  
Of people who are happy, not locked up  
like me.

I think of the future, the things I'll see,  
How I'll really enjoy the chance of being  
free;

To eat what I want, to go where I please -  
Or just lay by the river, under green  
willow trees.

To all who read this, I pray you take heed;  
For I write this as a lesson, not just  
something to read.

Kind and true try to always be, remain free;  
Not in a lonely clod cell like me \_\_\_\_\_

## talk

Talk can do a lot of harm,  
Or it can do great good;  
It all depends on what is said  
And how it is understood.

If you must talk, talk gently;  
Speak well or not at all.  
Say nothing if your rambling  
Might cause someone to fall.

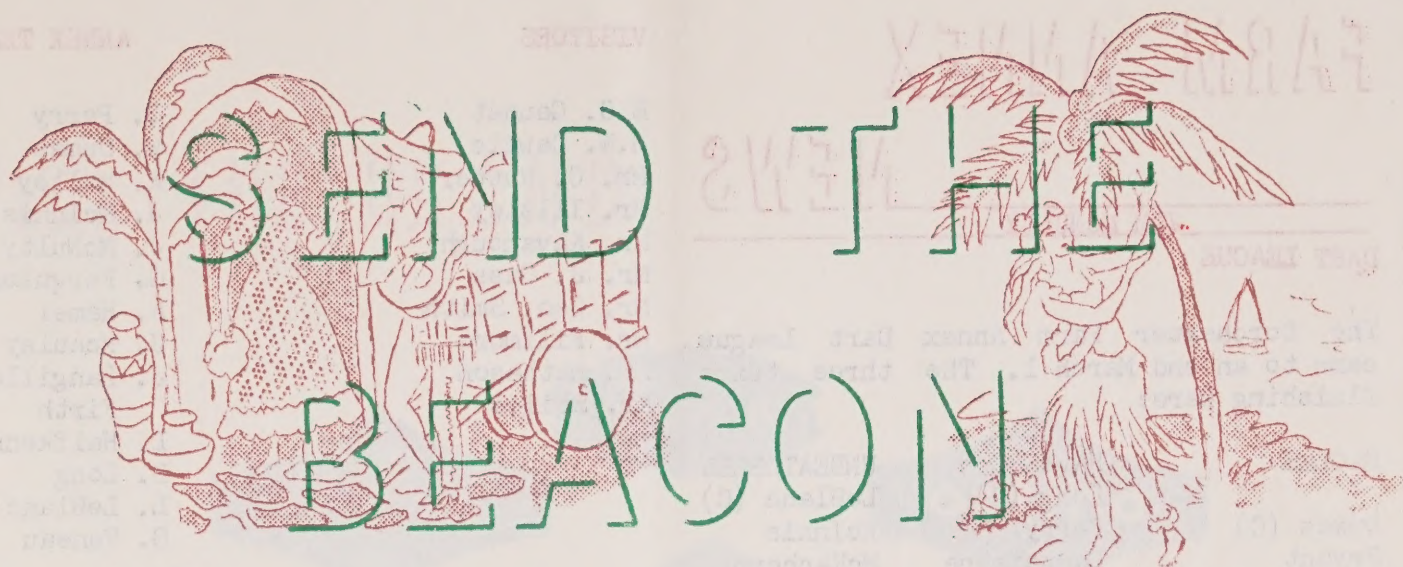
Idle chatter is a waste,  
This is a well known fact;  
Yet many a time  
Sorry to say, we all get in the act.

The very next time you have something to  
say,  
Stop and count to ten,  
Perhaps the thoughts within your mind  
Will never come again \_\_\_\_\_ david flemming

"He who makes two blades of grass grow  
in place of one renders a service...."  
\_\_\_\_\_ voltaire

\_\_\_\_\_ shirley mcardle  
(Shadows)





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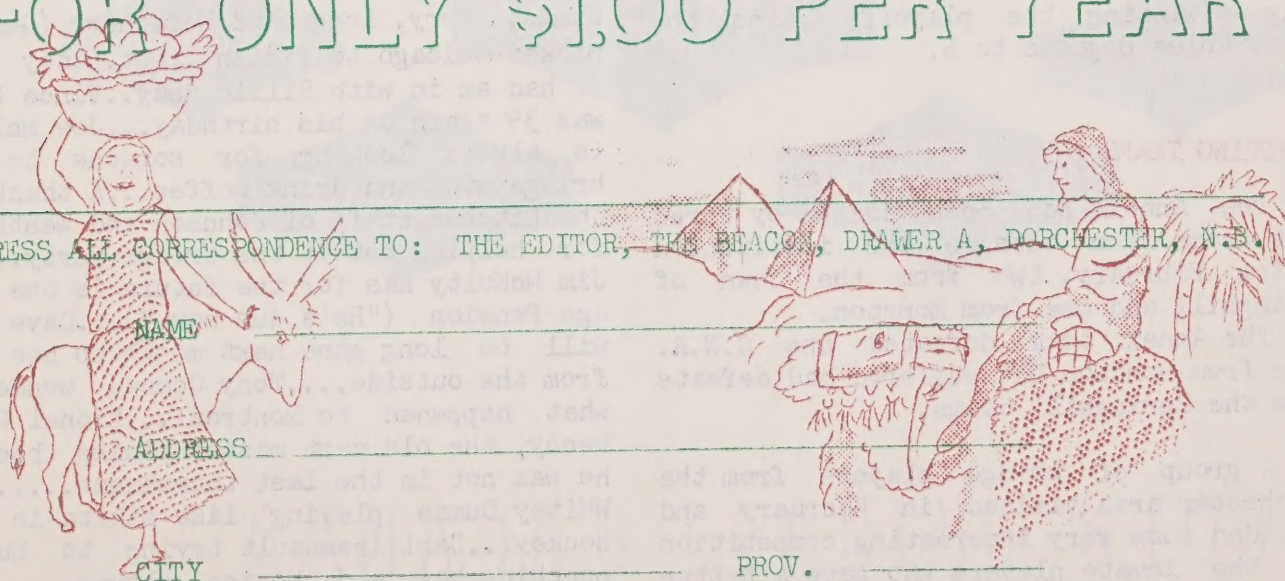
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# FARM ANNEX NEWS

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## DART LEAGUE

The Dorchester Farm Annex Dart League came to an end March 1. The three teams finishing were:

EAGLES	HAWKS	UNBEATABLES
Dumas (C)	Long (C)	LeBlanc (C)
Bryant	Perry	McInnis
McEachern	Lanteingne	McEachern
Raie	Bailey	Breau
Downey	Murphy	Westhaver
McAuley	Richard	Hankins
	Poster	McMillan
		Dockrill

## INDIVIDUAL DART WINNERS

Perry	-	Most starts	-	38
Perry	-	Most finishes	-	17
Perry	-	Most 100's	-	8
Breau	-	High start	-	110
Downey	-	High score	-	140

## EAGLES WIN DART LEAGUE

The Eagles, captained by Whitey Dumas emerged the victors in the Annex Dart League winning the playoffs against the Unbeatables 8 games to 6.

## VISITING TEAMS

The Annex has been visited by three Dart teams from outside the institution during February, two from the town of Springhill and one from Moncton.

The Annex team defeated the C.N.R. team from Moncton but suffered bad defeats from the Springhill teams.

A group of bridge players from the Dorchester area visited in February and provided some very interesting competition for the inmate players who gave a better account of themselves than on a previous occasion.

## VISITORS

E.C. Gaudet  
M.W. Cawdle  
Mr. C. Rutter  
Mr. Illsley  
Mr. Kavanough  
Mr. J. Gass  
Mr. Geo. Smith  
Mr. Fillmore  
Mr. Matheson  
Mr. Stiles

## ANNEX TEAM

V. Perry  
W. Dumas  
R. Malley  
J. McInnis  
J. McNulty  
G. Ferguson  
A. Hamel  
J. McAuley  
J. Langille  
Firth  
L. Halfkenny  
D. Long  
L. LeBlanc  
G. Veneau

## LOCAL CARD TOURNAMENTS

Activities at the card tables included tournaments in both Whist and Auction 45's with 54 men competing for prizes in each game.

Whist winners: 1st - Brown & MacDonald  
2nd - LeBlanc & Breau  
3rd - McInnis & McEachern

Auction 45's: 1st - MacDonald & Ferguson  
2nd - Halfkenny & Westhaver  
3rd - Malley & Richards

## RAMBLING NOTES

Dumas, Perry, Long and McEachern (Gumper) picked Chicago to finish first, they must of had an in with Billie Reay..Vince Perry was 39 again on his birthday...Joe McInnis is always looking for someone to play bridge with and drink coffee...A thanks to the kitchen staff of Johnson and Westhaver for helping out at the bridge party...All Jim McNulty has for the future is the Old Age Pension ("He's due now.")...Dave Long will be long gone next month to see June from the outside....Tony Comeau wondering what happened to Montreal...Lionel Halfkenny, the old dart master pining because he was not in the last tournament..... Whitey Dumas playing like Mikita in Snow Hockey...Carl Arsenault trying to buy a punching bag and boxing gloves.....Len LeBlanc always looking out the window for his visitors.



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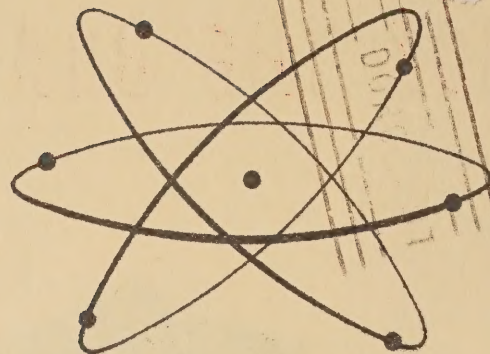


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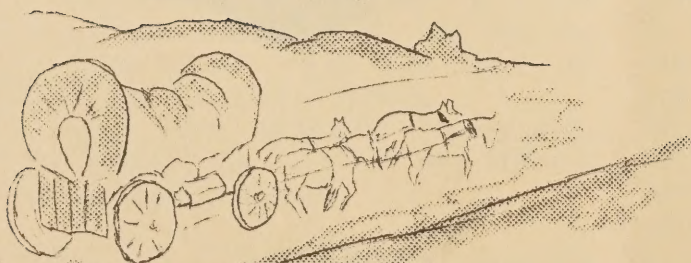
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